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RI Historical and Heritage Commission

R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission presents "Preservation Works"-- the 28th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in West Warwick. Preservation works by creating jobs and revitalizing communities. Preservation works by restoring the buildings and neighborhoods where working people live, play, and earn a paycheck. Preservation works by interpreting the history of labor in Rhode Island. And preservation works by developing, maintaining, and improving public works like historic roads, reservoirs, bridges, parks, and bicycle trails. Join us in West Warwick to examine how preservation works and to explore the historic places of the Pawtuxet River Valley.

For more information, visit www.preservation.ri.gov/conference

The conference program will be available and registration will open in March 2013.

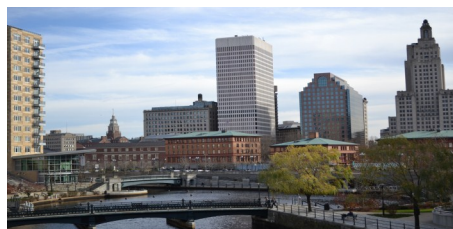
Firm Selected for Sustainable Communities Economic Development Analysis and Assessment

The Division of Planning and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation are pleased to announce that they have selected the firm of Fourth Economy to complete the Sustainable Communities Economic Development Data Analysis and Assessment.

Fourth Economy, based in Pittsburgh, will focus on five key areas related to economic development: business climate, industry clusters, regulatory environment, financial resources, and marketing. The intent is to compile important data and conduct initial analysis to aid in the development of the state's economic development strategy. Fourth Economy's team also includes a Rhode Island firm, Britt Page Consulting, as well as a Boston-based consultancy. It will begin work on the project immediately with a deadline for completion in February 2013.

The Economic Development Data Analysis and Assessment is a part of the larger Sustainable Communities effort that the Division of Planning is leading for the state, which will elaborate upon the compact development scenario articulated in Rhode Island's Land Use 2025 plan – one that balances growth with the preservation of our natural and cultural resources. Our work will focus on three key areas: Economic Development, Housing, and Growth Centers. The Division of Planning released a request for proposals (RFP) for the remainder of the project on November 21, 2012. The RFP is available through the Rhode Island Division of Purchases, and proposals are due January 17, 2013.

For more information on Sustainable Communities, visit <http://www.planning.ri.gov/misc/communities/sustainable.html>.



Division of Planning Committee Meetings



WTS - Rhode Island January Luncheon — Transportation

Technical Committee

Scheduled for January 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

State Planning Council

Scheduled for January 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence.
January 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Start the new year off right! Join WTS-Rhode Island for a luncheon on the new federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) on Wednesday, January 23 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. RIDOT Director, Michael Lewis will discuss the bill and its implications for Rhode Island. To register for this event contact: Jaklyn Centracchio by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, January 16. For the luncheon flyer, click the following link: http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/WTS-RI_January_2013_Luncheon_flyer.pdf

New ACS Data, Statewide Tables

The U.S. Census Bureau has completed its release of 2011 ACS data, including 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year datasets, which means that updated data are available at all levels of geography. Three tables of updated statewide data on economic, housing, and social characteristics are available on the Statewide Planning website at <http://www.planning.ri.gov/census/ri2010.htm>. The Excel files also include archives of 2010, 2000, and 1990 data where available.

Census Data Bulletin: School Enrollment and Educational Attainment

Education plays an important role in the communities that planners serve. Grade schools and their students have distinct transportation needs, while college students often present housing challenges for planners. The state's educational institutions, from public school systems to universities, have special land use concerns that must respond to changes in school enrollment—both growth and decline. For planners working on economic development, the educational attainment of adults in the region, state, and cities and towns signifies workforce strengths and weaknesses. The recent release of 2011 1-year American Community Survey data provides insight into the dynamics of school enrollment and educational attainment in the state. For example, while Rhode Island leads New England in the share of residents who are college or graduate students, it lags behind most others in the share of residents 25 and older who hold high school degrees and college degrees. Learn more about the state's students and educational attainment in the [January 2013 Census Data Bulletin](#).



University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops

1. Using ArcGIS.com: Maps and Geographic Data on the Web

Dates: January 15, 2013; 8:30 AM - 12:30 pm, **Registration Fee :** \$100

Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping applications available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

- Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)
- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI® that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

Requirements: This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill. **No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!**

Participants will:

- Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
- Become comfortable with the ArcGIS.com interface
- Use tools to create layers on your custom map
- Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
- Import Shapefiles on to an ArcGIS.com map

Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.

2. Introduction to GIS :

Dates: January 8 - 10, 2013; 8:30 AM - 4:00 pm, **Registration Fee:** \$750

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1®, software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs.

We also work extensively with the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System \(RIGIS\)](http://Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS)) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at URI's Kingston campus.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on [**Getting Started with GIS \(for ArcGIS 10\)**](http://Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10)) This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course. **Topics Covered:**

- Geospatial data types: storage and management
- Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
- How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
- Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
- Printing and exporting maps
- Creating and Editing geospatial data
- How to perform attribute and spatial queries
- Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
- Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

University of Rhode Island Training and Workshops cont'd

Private Well Workshop Calendar

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

North Kingstown Public Library, 100 Boone Street, North Kingstown, RI

Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Louitt Library, Route 102, West Greenwich, RI



Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are free. Call (401) 874-4918 to register. During the workshop you will learn how you can protect your private well through:

- Regular testing
- Private well maintenance
- Good housekeeping practices for your well

The workshops are hosted by the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.



RI NEMO is spreading the word about the upcoming RI APA Brown Bag Lunch:

**RI Community Resource Maps - January 24, 2013
12 - 2 PM Community Room behind Louitt Library
274 Victory Hwy/Rt. 102 West Greenwich, RI**

Join us to explore using RI maps online at ArcGIS.com. We will introduce a new, expanded series of maps for non-GIS users created specifically to support local planning and land use decisions.

How is this different from previous workshops on online mapping?

- Features quick and easy ready-made maps with click on/off layers.
- More maps from the RIGIS database added.
- Example applications for planning and project review.
- We heard you! Improvements address your comments on the Beta version.
- Opportunity to schedule a workshop at your town hall.

Led by Marie Esten, Loon Environmental & Lorraine Joubert, RI NEMO, URI Extension

New maps to be posted online by the workshop date, with support from the URI Geospatial Extension program. **FREE.** Bring your lunch. Optional but you may bring a laptop to practice.

RSVP to Nancy Hess, nancy.hess@doa.ri.gov Division of Planning



2 CM credits have been requested for this event.

Hosted by the West Greenwich Planning Department. URI funding for this program provided by RI HEALTH, Office of Drinking Water Quality. Lisa DeProspero Philo, Communications Specialist, University of RI, NEMO Program, 1 Greenhouse Road, Coastal Institute, Kingston, RI 02881, phone 401.874.5687